wlers under the scheme of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units have been issued so far.

(b) Deep sea fishing industry is governed by the guidelines issued by the Reserved Bank of India (RBI) for lending to the priority sector, Banks have to deploy at least 16 per cent of their outstanding advances towards direct agriculture which includes fishing also.

The acquisition of trawlers was earlier financed by the Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC). Presently the function is catered to by the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Ltd. (SCICI).

Survey on Export Prospects of Tobacco

1804. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was conducted by the Tobacco Board, Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, which shows a promising export market and if so, what follow-up action has been taken or is proposed to be taken in the matter; and

(b) what is the additional export potential of tobacco as per the above study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No market survey was conducted on unmanufactured tobacco in recent years by the tobacco Board. However, in 1979 a survey was carried out in selected markets. Pursuant to that production of FCB Tobacco, in light soil areas has been revised and production in black soil areas regulated; plant position grading has been introduced in the light soil areas of Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka; auctions have been introduced; export duty for unmanufactured tobacco has been abolished; and containerisation service introduced.

(b) The survey did not make any specific recommendation on additional export potential.

Attack on Indians in Suva in Fiji

1805. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ethnic Fijians ran through the streets of Suva in an hour long rampage recently and attacked Indians and Indian-owned shops;

(b) of so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to protect Indians in Fiji and their property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) A gang of Fijian youths attacked some persons of Indian origin in Tailevu near Suva on the night of 29th June, 1987 and burnt a shop, a house and a car and damaged other buildings. The home of a person of Indian origin was also shot at in Sigatoka in the middle of the night.

(c) Government of India cannot directly intervene on behalf of the community of Indian origin whose safety and welfare is the responsibility of the authorities in Fiji. The Government of India has, however, taken diplomatic initiatives in order to mobilise international opinion in favour, *inter alia*, of enshring that no ethnic group in Fiji's multiracial society is discriminated against.

Permission to STC/MMTC for Export of Wheat

1806. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given clearance to STC/MMTC for the export of wheat linked with the import of edible oils and